

# BACWA Recycled Water Committee Meeting Notes

Teleconference only  
May 19, 2020  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## 1. Introductions (Olson)

Stefanie Olson	Dublin San Ramon Services District	Lei Hong	Valley Water
Lorien Fono	BACWA	Leah Walker	City of Petaluma
Alina Constantinescu	LWA/ BACWA	Maggie Monahan	SF RWQCB
Amanda Roa	Delta Diablo	Mark Grushayev	SASM/ Mill Valley
Bhavani Yerrapotu	Valley Water	Medi Senaki	Valley Water
Chelsea Thompson	City of Petaluma	Melissa Gunter	SF RWQCB
Cheryl Munoz	City of Hayward	Michael Falk	HDR
Dan Frost	Central San	Negin Ashoori	Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)
Diego Martinez Garcia	City of Palo Alto	Pam Phillips	City of American Canyon
Eric Hansen	Silicon Valley Clean Water	Sarah Rhodes	Woodward & Curran
Eric Rosenblum	Enviroerspective	Reena Thomas	EBMUD
Jayne Strommer	Delta Diablo	Richard Foss	Central San
Jennie Pang	SFPUC	Roanne Ross	West Yost
Karin North	City of Palo Alto	Sindy Mulyono-Danre	Redwood City
		Tom Hall	EOA

## 2. Funding Opportunities

### a. Federal (Strommer)

#### i. Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act

The Bureau of Reclamation still has not released the list of projects selected to receive funding under the FY19 solicitation, thus also delaying the list for FY20. Due to all the delays, it appears that the plan is to skip the FY20 award selection process and distribute the FY20 grant total (~ \$20M) to the FY19 awardees. After this list is transmitted to Congress, Reclamation will likely turn their focus to a FY21 FOA for late summer/fall, depending on the appropriations process. No money has been appropriated for FY21 yet, but they're anticipating another \$20M. This is all preliminary information, from Reclamation.

With regard to the Title XVI WIIN Act reauthorization bills, these are still waiting in the background as Congress focuses on COVID-19 relief bills. This includes Congresswoman Napolitano's bill (H.R. 1162) to reauthorize the program at \$500 M. These same provisions were in a draft bill by Congressman Huffman, which they expect to introduce soon (possibly within a month).

#### ii. Title XVI

Reclamation posted a FOA on Dec 19, 2019 for the congressionally-authorized projects which closed on Feb 19, 2020. Applications are being reviewed. On Grants.gov, they state that the December FOA will be updated to provide a second application deadline in FY21 for proposals to be considered for FY21 funding, contingent on appropriations.

### b. State (Walker)

#### i. IRWM Prop 1

The final awarded [projects](#) from the San Francisco Bay Area funding have been posted. They total close to \$23M. The next phase is drafting the funding agreements with DWR.

ii. BA IRWMP

Changes to the governance language will be presented for adoption at the 6/22/20 Coordinating Committee meeting (virtual). The main changes are to add DAC and tribal representation as voting members to the Coordinating Committee along with the Function Area representatives. If the language changes are approved by the Coordinating Committee, the changes will need to be incorporated into the BAIRWMP during the next update.

Status of the Plan Update: The 2019 Plan Update was distributed and posted online for public comment from 9/16/19 – 10/11/19. All comments received were addressed and incorporated into the Plan. The Plan was posted on DWR's website for a 30-day public review period ending 3/21/19. DWR subsequently found the Plan to be consistent with the 2016 IRWM Guidelines.

**3. [USEPA Draft National Water Reuse Action Plan Update \(Rosenblum\)](#)**

Eric Rosenblum (Enviroerspective) updated the group on the status of collaboration opportunities on EPA's Draft National Water Reuse Action Plan, specifically proposed action 2.2.16. The project team Scope of Work/ contract has been reviewed and is pending approval. The team is in the process of doing a literature review as well as finalizing a list of sites/agencies for further study. He mentioned that they are looking at South Bay Water Recycling/ City of San Jose/ Valley Water as potential sites of interest.

Eric also related a message from Dave Smith (US EPA) who asked that Bay Area agencies also review other actions which may be of interest – such as 2.2.6 which is related to impacts of permitting.

**4. [Transition to 2016 State General Order Update \(Gunter/All\), and](#)  
**5. [Coverage and Reporting under 2016 State General Order \(Walker\)](#)****

On 4/8/2020, Regional Water Board staff released the Notice of Applicability (NOA) and associated Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) letter to transition agencies enrolled under Region 2 Order 96-011 to the State General Order 2016-0018 (WRR for Recycled Water Use). All permittees were transitioned with only four exceptions: SASM, Livermore, Delta Diablo, Napa Sanitary District; these remaining agencies will be enrolled at a later date following a review by DDW.

At the meeting, Melissa Gunter and Maggie Monahan (Regional Water Board) as well as several Committee members encouraged agencies to review the NOA and MRP carefully for requirements specific to their agency's level of treatment. Agencies have the rest of the 2020 to adapt to the new monitoring/ reporting requirements. Permittees need to keep track of activities like setting up new sampling procedures, SCADA programming, etc. and document any delays in implementing new monitoring requirements in the 2020 annual report (due April 2021). The 2020 report is expected to be submitted as a pdf; not able to upload to Geotracker, yet, but hoping to add that capability in later years.

**6. [DWR California Building Standards Proposed Changes \(Olson\)](#)**

Committee discussed DWR's proposed changes to the Building Standards and decided there was no need for the Committee to submit comments.

**7. [State Water Board Volumetric Reporting Update \(Olson\)](#)**

The deadline for 2019 Volumetric Annual Report was extended to June 30, 2020. One agency noted that they scheduled a call with the Board staff (Rebecca Greenwood) to get more guidance and ensure the correct information was provided in Geotracker. The call was very helpful; others are encouraged to do the same if they need help completing the report.

## 8. Recycled Committee Membership Criteria (Fono)

BACWA ED asked for guidance on how to handle requests for members of the public to be added to the Committee email list. Upon discussion, it was agreed that a member of the public would need to be recommended by a member agency in order to be added to the email list.

## 9. Regional Recycled Water Evaluation Update (Falk)

Mike Falk (HDR) reported that he prepared and sent out a Request for Information (RFI) to permittees. The deadline for completion is June 19, but individual extensions can be granted if agencies are experiencing staffing/operation challenges due to COVID-19. HDR is conducting four webinar trainings to help agencies fill out the RFI.

## 10. Legislation and Regulatory Update (Thomas)

- a. Water Research Foundation - DPR Regulation Research
  - i. Add COVID-19 into research
  - ii. Completed by deadline of 2023
- b. Legislation
  - i. Members asked to scale down bill packages to COVID response/recovery, homeless, wildfire, and other pressing issues
  - ii. Policy committee to hold only one hearing; bills originally double referred will change to single referrals
  - iii. Letters can be submitted on committee website/ portal
- c. Budget Update: revised budget expected in August after 7/15 tax receipts
- d. Climate Resilience Bond Update: likely to end up as a broader stimulus package
- e. Letter to Governor from Senator Stern and 19 CA Legislators calling for funding and accelerated job striation by streamlining shovel ready projects (including water recycling).
- f. Introduced Bills to Date
  - i. AB 3256 (Garcia) Assembly Bond Vehicle
    - heard by Assembly Natural Resources on 5/13
    - Request for \$750m = \$1b in grants and low interest loans for water recycling as stand-alone program
  - ii. AB 2560 (Quirk) Water quality notifications:
    - Move the bill
  - iii. SB 996 (Portantino) CECs
    - Sponsors asked to shelve bill and reintroduce in 2021
  - iv. SB 1052 (Hertzberg) Stormwater Capture Reuse
    - Sponsors asked to shelve bill

## 11. Announcements/Agency Updates – All

June 24-25, Virtual WaterReuse [Conference](#). Leah Walker is presenting on Petaluma's experience *Navigating a Recycled Water Project through the Water Code Section 1211 Process*.

Leah Walker is retiring at the end of June. Committee members expressed congratulations and extended their gratitude for Leah's contributions to the Bay Area recycled water community over the years.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, teleconference only.